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SUBJ: GOK AND LOCAL PALESTINIAN REACTION TO PFLP OPERATION

AGAINST JAPANESE EMBASSY

1. ACCORDING TO GOK SECURITY OFFICIALS, AS SOON AS MINISTER
OF INTERIOR AND DEFENSE, SHAIKH SAAD ABDULLA AL-SABAH, LEARNED
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OF PFLP TAKEOVER OF JAPANESE EMBASSY HE CONTACTED ALI YASIN,

DIRECTOR OF PLO OFFICE IN KUWAIT. YASIN IMMEDIATELY CONTACTED ARAFAT WHO ARRANGED FOR PFLP LEADER, ABU AL-FIDA, TO COME TO KUWAIT TO ASSIST GOK IN ITS NEGOTIATIONS WITH TERRORISTS. ABU AL-FIDA ARRIVED SAME DAY (FEB 6) AND PLAYED KEY ROLE IN SUCCESSFUL NEGOTIATIONS. HE AND YASIN ACTUALLY ACCOMPANIED TERRORISTS ON THEIR FLIGHT TO ADEN.

2. GOK SECURITY OFFICIALS CONTINUED THAT WHILE SHAIKH SAAD WAS SATISFIED WITH PLO'S RAPID RESPONSE TO HIS REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE, HE MADE IT CLEAR TO YASIN THAT GOK WAS TIRING OF KUWAIT BEING USED AS HAVEN FOR TERRORISTS. HE BRUSHED ASIDE YASIN'S COMMENTS THAT PLO COULD NOT CONTROL ACTIONS OF SMALL SPLINTER GROUPS. SHAIKH SAAD SAID THAT PFLP WAS MEMBER OF PLO AND NOT SPLINTER GROUP AND IF PLO, WHICH HAD ALWAYS RECEIVED GOK'S FULL SUPPORT, COULD NOT CONTROL ITS MEMBER GROUPS, GOK WOULD. SHAIKH SAAD ALSO ASKED YASIN TO PROVIDE HIM LIST OF PFLP LEADERS IN KUWAIT.

3. COMMENT: A. KUWAIT WILL PROBABLY UNDERTAKE ITS OLD POLICY OF SELECTIVE DEPORTATION, HITTING PALESTINIAN COMMUNITY WHERE IT HURTS MOST -- IN ITS POCKETBOOK. THIS USUALLY HAS AFFECT OF CAUSING PALESTINIAN COMMUNITY TO POLICE ITSELF. IB. IT IS CLEAR THAT LOCAL PALESTINIAN COMMUNITY IS FURIOUS ABOUT JAPANESE EMBASSY OPERATION. THIS HAS VIOLATED THEIR BASIC UNWRITTEN UNDERSTANDING WITH GOK: PALESTINIAN COMMANDO OPERATIONS MUST NOT RPT NOT INVOLVE KUWAIT. COMMUNITY IS BRACING ITSELF FOR PERIOD OF HARRASSMENT AND HAS SENT DELEGATION TO PLO OFFICE DENOUNCING OPERATION.

C. INCIDENTALLY, FEB 7 ISSUE OF DAILY NEWS CARRIED HEADLINE: ARAFAT DENOUNCES OPERATION.
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NOTE BY OC/T: NOT PASSED CAIRO.

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